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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAVS ADMIT ESPIONAGE IN SWEDEN

1. A 38-YEAR-OLD ELECTRICIAN AND 29-YEAR-OLD CARTOGRAPHER, BOTH YUGOSLAV NATIONALS, HAVE ADMITTED TO SWEDISH SECURITY POLICE IN ESKILSTUNA (SUBURB OF STOCKHOLM) THAT THEY HAVE SPIED ON YUGOSLAV REFUGEES IN SWEDEN ON BEHALF OF YUGOSLAV SECURITY AGENCIES. SWEDISH PROSECUTORS ARE WAITING FOR GOS APPROVAL BEFORE HANDING DOWN FORMAL INDICTMENT IN AFFAIR.

2. ELECTRICIAN, A CROAT, CAME TO SWEDEN IN LATE 1960'S, AND HAD SPECIALIZED IN MONITORING OPPOSITIONAL CROATS AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS. CARTOGRAPHER, A SERB, WHO WAS EMPLOYED PART-TIME AS AN INTERPRETER BY LOCAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES, WAS ASSIGNED TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON SERBIAN NATIONALISTS. NEITHER OF THE TWO COLLABORATED DIRECTLY WITH THE OTHER, AND BOTH HAD DIFFERENT "CONTROLS" OPERATING FROM YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM. SWEDES ARE CONCERNED SINCE INVESTIGATION SHOWS THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF YUGOSLAV IMMIGRANTS IN SWEDEN
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ARE PROBABLY SUBJECTED TO CONTROL AND OBSERVATION BY YUGOSLAV SECURITY POLICE.

3. THE ELECTRICIAN IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TRAVELLED FREQUENTLY IN SOUTHERN AND WESTERN SWEDEN, WHERE MOST OF THE ESTIMATED 20,000 CROATS IN SWEDEN RESIDE. AT LEAST ON ONE OCCASION IN 1975, HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BROKEN INTO A CROAT OFFICE IN

STOCKHOLM AND TO HAVE TAKEN VARIOUS DOCUMENTS. HE HAS BEEN ON SWEDISH POLICE'S LOOK-OUT LIST FOR A LONG TIME AND WAS AN ACQUAINTANCE OF STEPHAN MIKULIC, AN EXILED CROAT POLITICIAN MURDERED OUTSIDE HIS HOME IN FALKENBERG, SWEDEN IN LATE 1975. ELECTRICIAN'S TASKS WERE TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON UNDESIRABLE CROATS IN SWEDEN, THEIR PRIVATE LIFE, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, ROUTINES ON TRIPS FROM HOME AND WORK, AND SO FORTH. HE WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN RECRUITED ON PROMISE OF MONETARY PAYMENT BY YUGOSLAV EMBASSY. HIS EFFORTS ALLEGEDLY LED TO A 17-MONTH PRISON TERM FOR A 43-YEAR-OLD SERBIAN WORKER IN ESKILSTUNA WHO WAS ARRESTED WHILE VISITING YUGOSLAVIA. THE SERBIAN, A FRIEND OF THE ACCUSED AGENT, WAS SAID TO HAVE MADE DEROGATORY REFERENCES TO THE TITO REGIME OUTSIDE HIS SWEDISH WORKPLACE.

4. CURRENT AFFAIR HAS REPORTEDLY FRIGHTENED MANY CROATS IN SWEDEN, WHO FEAR THAT THEIR FAMILIES IN YUGOSLAVIA MAY BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT FOR THEIR OWN ACTIVITIES IN SWEDEN.

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